

TOWN OF MIDDLETOWN NEWSLETTER
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FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

Charles H. Harbaugh, IV

I hope everyone has had an enjoyable and safe summer. I have had my share of the heat and am looking forward to cooler temperatures. The Reenactment of the Battle of Cedar Creek is being held on October 20 and 21, I look forward to joining in the festivities and seeing Middletown citizens at the event. Just a reminder the Middletown election will be November 6, 2012 at the Middletown Elementary school. I have been busy making upgrades to our Middletown Park. I would like this to be a place for the citizens of Middletown and others to come and enjoy a day at our park.

FROM THE TOWN TREASURER

Sharon K. Fadely

If the Town Office receives three or more returned checks from an individual, all further transactions will be by money order or cash **ONLY**. The return check fee has increased from \$30.00 to \$45.00.

This is a reminder that the Town has to **charge a 3% convenience fee for our credit card machine** to offset the fees added on by the card processing company.

This is a reminder that the Town Office will **not** accept large amounts of unrolled change. If you must use change it must be rolled in coin wrappers.

FROM THE MUNICIPAL CLERK

Rebecca Layman

The 2012 Real Estate and Personal property tax bills will be mailed in mid-October and payment will be due on December 5, 2012. To avoid penalties please pay these bills on time.

To all residents of Middletown please update contact information with the Town office staff. Telephone numbers are very important to the Town staff in case we need to contact you for purposes of water leaks.

As a reminder if water service has been disconnected due to non-payment there will be a fee of \$50.00 to turn off and there will be a fee of \$50.00 to turn on for a total of \$100.00. If it is after hours there will be an additional fee of \$50.00.

Reminder to Middletown residents if you will be having contracted work done at your home such as roofers, tree trimmers, plumbers and building additions just to name a few. The contractor needs to obtain a business license from the Town of Middletown.

Trick or Treating will be Wednesday October 31, 2012 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

FROM THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Donald Riffey, Superintendent

Yard waste collection guidelines:

- Bundles – Branches and twigs cannot be longer than four feet in length and 2 inch in diameter and must be tied in a bundle with twine (no wire or plastic string)

- Bags - Only biodegradable paper bags can be used. These 30 gallon size bags can be purchased at Wal-Mart and other lawn and garden stores.

If high winds or storms bring down large branches, the town will do its best to make a special collection within 48 hours. Middletown residents will be able to take their yard waste to the bush pile located at the Maintenance Department on Third Street during normal operating hours.

Remember, any and all questions pertaining to water, water meters, water leaks, trash collections, road conditions can be answered by calling 869-7731 (fax 869-7734). All billing and payment queries are handled by the Town Office.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR

Fred Wharton

I've noticed driving through Town that many yards have brush in their back yards. This provides a harborage for wild life including snakes. If you were to remove the brush it would greatly be appreciated. The Town picks up 4' long bundled brush either in disposable paper grass and brush bags or tied up in reasonable bundles. During periods of appropriate weather (not times when dry conditions exist such as now) 4' X 4' piles of brush may be burned once you notify the Middletown Fire Department. (This can be done without a permit) any piles in excess of the above must be done under a permit and inspected.

VALLEY ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Kidz Club meets every Sunday evening from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the church located at 2376 4th Street in Middletown. This is for children ages 4-12. We would like to invite your children to explore the Christian faith as we teach a weekly bible study, play games, and make arts and crafts. For more information on our children's program please call 540-664-7882.

GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Grace United Methodist Church Youth will be Trick-or-Treating for CCAP on Sunday, October 28th at 6pm in the Town of Middletown. Please leave non-perishable foods in a bag on your porch if you're not going to be at home. If we don't make it to your street, please feel free to drop it off at the church. Thank you! Joan Pemberton, Grace UMC Youth Director

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September 18 – 7:00 p.m. Committee Meeting

September 24 – 7:30 p.m. Planning Commission Meeting

October 1 – 7:00 p.m. Work Session Meeting

October 8 – Columbus Day Town Offices CLOSED

October 9 – 7:00 p.m. Town Council Meeting

October 16 – 7:00 p.m. Committee Meeting

October 22 – 7:30 p.m. Planning Commission Meeting

October 31 – 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. **Trick or Treating**

November 5 – 7:00 p.m. Work Session Meeting

November 6 – General and Special Elections for the Town of Middletown

November 12 – Veterans Day Town Offices CLOSED

November 13 – 7:00 p.m. Town Council Meeting

November 20 – 7:00 p.m. Committee Meeting

